

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of retrieving ~~[[a]]~~ device-dependent attributes ~~attribute~~ stored on a portal server, said method comprising:
 - establishing communication, by the portal server, with a device;
 - receiving a request from said device after establishing communication;
 - identifying a type of said device in response to receiving said request;
 - identifying a characteristic of said type of device in response to receiving said request,
wherein said type is a subset of said characteristic; ~~[[and]]~~
 - retrieving an entry from a list of attributes in response to receiving said request, wherein the
list of attributes is available to the portal server prior to establishing communication
with said device, said entry selected first according to said type of device and second
according to said characteristic when said list does not include said entry that
corresponds to said type of device; and
 - responding to said request with said entry, wherein said entry is presented to said device for
use.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said communication is wireless.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said type of device is identifiable by a brand name
and a model number.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said characteristic is identifiable by a type of markup
language used by said type of device.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said list of attributes further comprises entries ~~that are~~ independent of device type and device characteristic.
8. — 14. (Cancelled)
15. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-usable~~ computer readable medium storing instructions having computer-readable program code embodied therein for retrieving and storing device-dependent attributes in causing a portal server system to perform a method, the instructions comprising functionality to:
 - establish communication, by the portal server, ~~communicating~~ with a device;
 - identify ~~identifying from said communicating~~ a type of device for which a first attribute is to be stored, wherein said first attribute is dependent on said type of device;
 - store ~~associating said first attribute type of device with said first attribute when said first attribute is selected and stored based on said type~~ in a list of attributes organized by type-specific categories in the portal server, wherein the list of attributes is available to the portal server system prior to establishing communication with said device; and
 - retrieve ~~retrieving~~ a second attribute from said list according to one selected from the group consisting of said type of device and a characteristic of said type of device when said list does not include ~~an attribute~~ a category that corresponds to said type of device, wherein said type is a subset of said characteristic,wherein said first attribute and second attribute are usable by said device.
16. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said communication ~~communicating~~ is wireless.
17. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said type of device is identifiable by a brand name and a model number.
18. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said characteristic is identifiable by a type of markup language used by said type of device.
19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said list of attributes further comprises attributes ~~that are~~ independent of device type and device characteristic.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said first attribute corresponds to said device communicating with said portal server system.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer usable~~ computer readable medium of claim 15 wherein said first attribute corresponds to another device different from said device communicating with said portal server system, said other device identified during said communicating.

24. (New) A method of storing device-dependent attributes in a portal server, said method comprising:

establishing communication, by the portal server, with a device;

receiving an attribute from said device, wherein said attribute is dependent on a type of said device;

storing said attribute based on said type in a list of attributes organized by type-specific categories in the portal server, wherein said list of attributes is available to the portal server prior to establishing communication with said device, and wherein said attribute is usable by said device.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

creating a new category in said list associated with said type, wherein the attribute is stored into the new category.

26. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein said portal server is a wireless portal server operable to communicate wirelessly with client devices.

27. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein said type of device is identifiable by a brand name and a model number.

28. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein said list of attributes is sorted by device type.

29. (New) The method of claim 24 wherein said list of attributes further comprises a category for attributes independent of device type.